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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the FBI announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Chief United States District Court Judge Joseph F. Bataillon sentenced Michael Hymes on February 5, 2010 for his conviction of bank robbery. Judge Bataillon also sentenced Hymes for his violation of his term of supervised release which was imposed following Hymes' previous bank robbery conviction. Hymes was sentenced to 66 months of imprisonment and three years of supervised release for the bank robbery conviction and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$6,447. Hymes was also sentenced to 18 months of imprisonment for violating his supervised release. That sentence was ordered to run consecutively to the bank robbery sentence so that Hymes will be required to serve a total of 84 months.

On August 4, 2009, Hymes robbed a First National Bank branch by tapping on the counter and demanding money from the teller. The teller turned over money in response to his demands. A dye pack exploded outside the branch. The defendant enlisted the aid of two women to help him try and wash the dye off the money and to otherwise exchange the dye stained bills at coin machines in area laundromats and stores. As law enforcement traced the exchange of these bills, they eventually located the defendant in an apartment in Council Bluffs with some of the dye stained bills in his possession. First National Bank lost \$2,950 in this robbery.

On July 14, 2009 a Bank of the West branch was also robbed by a person matching the defendant's description. After he was arrested for the First National Bank robbery, the defendant acknowledged robbing this bank as well. The defendant agreed the court could order him to pay restitution to the Bank of the West in the amount of \$3,497. The defendant had been convicted in 2004 for robbing the Creighton Federal Credit Union.

Name of Defendant: Michael Hymes

AKA:

Age: 30

City of residence: Omaha, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Bank robbery in violation of 18 USC §2113(a). The maximum statutory penalty is twenty years of imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$6, 447.00

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: August 4, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: August 6, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: August 6, 2009

Indictment Returned Date: August 19, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: August 7, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): November 12, 2009

Sentencing Date: February 5, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Honorable Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: August 6, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon, Chief Judge

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